

REMARKS

New Claims 21 through 23 have been added. New Claim 21 includes all the limitations of previous Claims 1 and 12. New Claim 22 includes all the limitations of previous Claims 1 and 13. New Claim 23 includes all the limitations of previous Claims 14 and 20.

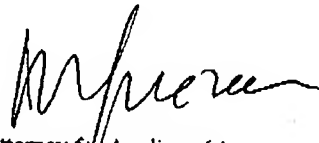
Claims 1 through 20 have been cancelled, since it is believed that the balance of the claims remaining in this application after amendment adequately protects the Applicants' invention.

In the latest office action the Examiner has indicated that Claims 12 through 13 and 20 of the original filed application, thought being objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. The Applicants' attorney respectfully submits that new Claims 21 through 23 meet the aforementioned criteria and therefore allowance is respectfully requested.

Reconsideration of the rejection of all the claims remaining in this application after amendment and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

The Applicants' attorney has reviewed the prior art made of record and not relied upon to Kim et al., but does not believe that the Kim reference operates to preclude the allowance of any claim remaining in this application after amendment.

Since it is believed that this application has been placed in condition for allowance, such action is respectfully requested.



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